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E O 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAGR, RP  
SUBJ: SUGAR: GOP DELEGATION TO ISA CONFERENCE IN GENEVA

REF: STATE 81086

1. JOSE UNSON, GOP SUGAR QUOTA ADMINISTRATOR, WILL BE ARRIVING WASHINGTON FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 15 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. SUGAR OFFICIALS REGARDING U.S. POLICY TOWARD ISA AND GOP RESPONSE. UNSON WILL CONTACT AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ UPON ARRIVAL AND IS DEPENDING ON ROMUALDEZ TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING WHICH MAY INCLUDE GOP SUGAR REPS IN WASHINGTON, O'DONNELL AND MYERS. UNSON IS EN ROUTE TO GENEVA MEETING. COMPOSITION OF GOP DELEGATION TO ISA MEETING BEING REPORTED SEPTEL, WITH COMMENTS.

2. UNSON HAS TOLD EMBASSY THAT GOP GENERALLY CONSIDERS HEIGHTENED INTEREST IN ISA TO BE A GOOD THING, BUT NOTED THAT GOP BELIEVES THAT THE PHILIPPINES WILL BE ABLE TO ADJUST TO WHATEVER SUGAR POLICY U.S. DECIDES TO FOLLOW, INCLUDING COUNTRY QUOTAS. HE IS HOPEFUL THAT GENEVA MEETINGS WILL PRODUCE ISA, BUT REMAINS FUNDAMENTALLY SCEPTICAL THAT AGREEMENT CAN BE OBTAINED ON QUESTIONS OF TARGET PRICE AND ALLOTMENT OF EXPORT QUOTAS.

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3. COMMENT: UNSON'S COMMENT THAT THE PHILIPPINES CAN ADAPT TO ANY REPEAT ANY U.S. SUGAR POLICY MAKES LITTLE SENSE UNLESS INTERPRETED AS SIMPLISTIC NOSTALGIA FOR THE "GOLDEN AGE" OF COUNTRY QUOTAS OR AN ATTEMPT BY GOP TO EMPHASIZE THAT PHILIPPINES IS NO LONGER AS DEPENDENT ON U.S. MARKET AS IT ONCE WAS.

EMBASSY BELIEVES UNSON HAS LITTLE OR NO INFLUENCE ON  
GOP SUGAR POLICY.  
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